preserve the socio-economic and cultural ethos of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): The Government of India have taken a number of steps to preserve the socio-economic and cultural tribal museum in the States, organising tribal festivals/Adivasi melas, preparation of documentary films on tribal life and culture, grants/subsidies to registered voluntary organisations, institutions and individuals to encourage them in promoting and preserving tribal art and culture. Polices and plans for the development of Scheduled Tribes are formulated, keeping in view the socio-economic and cultural Ethos of Tribals.

Insurgency in North Eastern States

*159. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any regional strategy to combat insurgency in North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether this strategy was discussed at the meeting of Chief Ministers held in Delhi on October 3, 1991; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (c). The problem of insurgency/terrorism in the States of the NE Region is being dealt with by the concerned State Governments for which all help and assistance is being provided by the Central Government. The meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Assam at Assam Bhavan, New Delhi on 3.10.1991 and attended by the Chief Ministers of Sikkim and other North Eastern States except Nagaland discussed, inter alia, this problem also. The Chief Ministers felt the co-ordinated an sustained efforts would be necessary to control and defuse the problem of insurgency. They also were of the view that a meeting on this subject may be convened by the Central Government.

[*Translation*]

Small and Large Hydel Power Projects in U.P.

*160. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small and large hydel power projects already constructed, under construction and proposed to be constructed in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(b) the progress made regarding the projects which are under construction and which are proposed to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The District-wise details of Small and large Hydro electric projects already constructed, under construction and proposed to be constructed in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh are given in the attached Statement-I

(b) The details of progress made regarding small and large Hydro-electric Projects which are under construction and proposed to be constructed in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh are given in the attached Statement-II.